

American Fork City strives to provide timely, efficient and cost-effective snow and ice removal. Each storm or weather event produces different variables that affect how we respond with our snow removal equipment.

The following article provides information you need to know about American Fork City's snow removal policies and procedures.



Citizens Want to Know: SNOW REMOVAL

PARKING ON THE STREET

In accordance with City ordinance, no parking is permitted on City streets from Nov. 1 to March 31, when a measurable amount of snow has fallen, and the street has not been plowed since the snowfall. On those snowy days, citations will be issued for vehicles and/or trailers that remain parked within the right-of-way during these months. (Ordinance No. 93-10-30)

PLOWING PRIORITY

Street plowing priority is based on the roads classification and usage intensity. Roads that receive top priority are heavily-used arterials and collectors, roads critical to public safety and schools, and roads deemed higher risk roads, like ones with a steep grade. These streets will be plowed 24 hours per day, 7 days per week, when weather conditions warrant, or if there are three inches or more snow accumulation. After major storms, when conditions have moderated, and when Priority 1 and Priority 2 streets have been cleared, street personnel will clear cul-de-sacs and dead-end streets as soon as possible. Please note that there are certain streets in the City which are private roadways, or are owned and maintained by UDOT that are not plowed by City personnel.



PLOWING STREETS CURB-TO-CURB

In order to facilitate multi-lane traffic, it is the practice of the City to plow the widest section of the road possible on Priority 1 and Priority 2 streets. Those streets identified as Priority 3 and Priority 4 will be maintained with one travel lane in each direction. This work requires a number of passes by the plows which create a windrow that can become a problem in blocking driveways and mailbox locations. Residents are encouraged, when possible, to wait until the snow plows have completed their work before clearing driveways and mailbox access. This will minimize the amount of snow pushed back into your driveway should additional plowing be required. Please be aware that it is in violation of City ordinance to deposit snow or ice onto a sidewalk or vehicle travel lane. A map with plowing priorities is online.

USAGE OF SALT ON ROADWAYS

Salt is used only at intersections, on hills, in school zones or limited areas where it is deemed necessary. Temperature, storm duration and intensity affect the effectiveness of the salt and the ability of snow plows to clear streets. When temperatures dip below 19 degrees, salt becomes ineffective in melting snow and ice. It is not economically feasible to salt all streets as a routine practice.

SUBDIVISIONS AND CUL-DE-SACS

In subdivisions and cul-de-sacs, our plows focus on keeping one travel lane in each direction passable.

FIRE HYDRANTS

The Fire and Rescue Department has asked that you help keep fire hydrants clear of snow so they are viewable and useable.

IN SUMMARY

Our street department personnel work hard to keep you safe as they clear snow from the 120 miles of road within our City. We appreciate your patience and cooperation as we work together within this great community of ours. To read our entire Snow Removal Ordinance, and additional related details, please visit americanfork.gov to view the snow removal guide or you can also call 801-763-3050.



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